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New Childcare Centre for Mosman

A childcare centre on Georges Head in Mosman should be up and running in the second half of 2005, following a decision by the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust.

Geoff Bailey, Executive Director of the Harbour Trust, said the former 1913 Barracks Building in Suakin Drive had been assessed as the most suitable location to permit a childcare centre.

‘Strong community interest in childcare facilities in Mosman was a feature of the expressions of interest process for the leasing of Harbour Trust buildings and facilities at Georges Head,’ Mr Bailey said.

‘As a result, together with Mosman Council, a number of sites were visited and assessed in the light of issues such as safety, security, noise, access and parking. On balance, the building in Suakin Drive met both the Harbour Trust and Council’s objectives.’

Mr Bailey said the predominantly pedestrian character of the preferred location was also an important factor in the decision.

The decision to permit a childcare centre will necessitate an amendment to the Georges Head Management Plan and public exhibition. The Harbour Trust expects to proceed with a Request for Proposal process in early 2005 with a view to commencing a lease in late 2005.

Revenue from the childcare centre will contribute to the implementation of the Harbour Trust’s comprehensive plan for its sites around Sydney Harbour.

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